

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COVID-19 Information

- CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)
- Oregon Health Authority website to sign up for daily notifications or learn info: [www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx)
- Marion County Oregon, [www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/COVID-19/Pages/Default.aspx](https://www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/COVID-19/Pages/Default.aspx)
- Phone call 211 to learn about community assistance programs and emergency management responses



## Sewing Group Meeting

### By Councilor Gerry Waller

*Wanted: Friendly Sewers and Crafters!*

We want more friends in our group. Due to the virus we are not meeting regularly, but we are emailing and chatting. The quilters in the group are doing pieced blocks and exchanging them. After the Community Center re-opens we will resume meeting every second Wednesday. Please call me at 971-216-1296 (Gerry) if you would like to join us!

#### City Hall:

City Manager: Heidi Bell  
10710 Main Street  
P.O. Box 388  
Donald, OR 97020-0388  
**Phone: 503-678-5543**  
**City Website:**  
[www.donaldoregon.gov](http://www.donaldoregon.gov)

#### Public Works:

Director: Alonso Limones  
Phone: 503-678-1411  
**Donald's Emergency**  
**Pager: 503-301-6479**  
Subscribe to  
**Flash Alerts** to receive  
Urgent & Emergency Notices

## Donald Beautification Group's Work

At the time this newsletter was printed the volunteer group called the Donald Beautification Group (DBG) had setup an online meeting for August 17, 2020. The DBG is discussing spending grant money on either a kiosk at the 4-way stop of Main Street and Butteville Road, installing planters downtown or even creatively painting the fire hydrants. You can join DBG meetings by video or phone, simply by clicking a button on the City's website and you will be connected instantly. The DBG typically meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm and meetings are about 1 hour. This is a fun, creative group that would be happy to have you join!

## Community Member of the Month

Know someone, a group, or a business, that is doing good for our community? Take a few moments and nominate them as Community Member of the Month. It can be a really warming way to recognize someone for something that they did to show kindness or demonstrate community spirit. Always remember the power of thank you. When we recognize someone for something positive that they did and give them a well-deserved "thank you" it can really lift their spirit and make a difference in their live, and in yours too. To find the nomination form, visit the City's website, it is located under the More tab at the top, select Community Member of the Month. Or call City Hall and we will mail one to you.

## City Hall Open Limited Hours

**Mondays and Tuesdays: 1pm to 3pm**

**Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9am to 11am**

## City Calendar for September 2020

Mon 7: Labor Day - City Offices Closed  
Tue 8: City Council Meeting 6:45pm  
Sat 12: City-Wide Cleanup Day! 8am - 12pm GK Parking Lot  
Tue 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due  
Mon 21: Donald Beautification Group Meeting 6:30pm



# DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

## Councilor's Corner:

### By Katie Gonzalez



Usually in September, youth are eagerly looking forward to returning to school, hanging with their friends, playing sports, and more. In times of COVID, while many parents are worrying about new day-to-day demands, it's important that we don't forget about the youth within our community. Some tips to create a new "normal" include sticking to a schedule, making dinner a transition time between the "school day" and the evening, allowing "down time",

City Council	Term
Brad Oxenford, Mayor	2020
<b>Councilors:</b>	
Gloria Nicholson, President	2020
Sheryl Glenn	2020
Katie Gonzalez	2022
Troy Hellickson	2022
Rod Scott	2020
Gerry Waller	2022

keeping mind and body health through exercise, watching TV together as a family or virtually with friends, getting plenty of sleep and more! If anyone needs mental health support for youth, resources include the Oregon YouthLine ([oregonyouthline.org](https://oregonyouthline.org)), the Trevor Project Lifeline ([thetrevorproject.org](https://thetrevorproject.org)) for LGBTQ+ youth, and the Marion County Youth and Family Crisis Services (503-576-4673). In case of a mental health emergency, call 911.

## Local Election Information

Elections Day is Tuesday, November 3 and your ballot must be received by 8pm. Marion County is assessing Donald for a drive-up box but no determination yet. Check the back of your voter's pamphlet for ballot drop box locations. Candidates that filed for Mayor and Councilor in Donald are listed below in alphabetical order by last name.

### Mayor: (One Position)

Rick Olmsted

Brad Oxenford

### Councilor: (Three Positions)

Sheryl Glenn

Amanda McCracken

Lauren Ostrander

Rod Scott

## Donald-Gervais Policing Contract

The City Councils of Gervais and Donald signed an agreement on August 26, 2020 to add additional policing services to Donald, and the contract has started. The Gervais Police Department will work roughly 40 hours a month in Donald. They will concentrate on traffic and community policing. The contract with the County Sheriff's Office that provided only overtime shifts that were dedicated to Donald was not renewed. Please note that the Sheriff's Office will always be available to respond to the City of Donald. Donald taxpayers pay for County taxes and the Sheriff's Office is part that taxing district's services. For non-emergencies, call 503-588-5032 to make a report and the dispatcher will have the on-duty police respond, which could be either Gervais or Marion County. Call 911 in an emergency.

## Delinquent Water/Sewer Bills

The City Council is encouraging customers that have fallen behind in their water/sewer payments to setup a payment plan. The payment plan forms are on the City's website or can be either emailed or mailed to you. If you've experienced a financial or health issue directly related to COVID-19 there could be financial help for you. This program is in the works, and more details will be available in the coming months. Contact City Hall for more details.

## Census 2020

The Census is working in town, knocking on doors to gather information from people who have not responded. You can respond to the U.S Census online, it is not too late. As of August 19th, our City's response rate is low, at 52.4% and the State is at 66.8%. Respond Online at: <https://my2020census.gov/>  
Track the response rate: <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> also these links are on the City's website. This is important for funding in our region.



## Clean Up Day Is Sat., Sept. 12, 8am –12pm

This year due to the COVID-19 outbreak the City Council will hold a modified Clean Up Day event. The Mayor, Councilors and community volunteers would like to encourage everyone to take the safety precautions very seriously for this event. Face coverings are required and social distancing will be enforced. This year, you need to bring your own labor for unloading, the volunteers will serve only as monitors. This event is for Donald residents and business only, bring a copy of your water/sewer bill for gate entry.

What is Offered: (If these fill-up then the event will close)

- 2 garbage dumpsters
- 1 yard debris dumpster
- Glass Recycling
- Household Batteries
- Scrap Metal
- Prescriptions: Sheriff's Office will hand out FREE kits that you can take home and safely dispose of medications.

For more information on this event and the accepted/not accepted materials list please visit the City's website or view a flyer on a community board.

**Minimum \$5 Donation  
Highly Encouraged**

Last year, the event cost \$1,963 and the donations were \$423. Thank you!

## Business Connections: Center Market #29



Since 1999, Center Market Stores (CMS) are a family owned and operated business that prides itself in delivering high quality products at a great value to our patrons. We have 20+ locations in Oregon that

focus on excellent customer service, clean stores and well-organized items to enhance the shopping experience of our valued guests. Our owners are invested in our communities, and as a result, we are part of many community programs, including serving homeless meals through Oregon and SW Washington, clothing drives during winter season, event organization to promote cultural diversity, social and political advocacy, and much more. Our customers also support us in running a charitable hospital in rural India since 2015. We are proud to be a Subcontinent Indian American family-owned business that strives to help make a difference in our communities by creating jobs and opportunities for people to realize their American Dream!



## Recycle Donald 2020

**By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander**

### *Recycle or Trash it? Broken Metal Chairs*

Broken metal chairs... can they go in the blue recycle bin? No, they cannot. But fear not! The North Marion Transfer Station located at 17827 Whitney Ln NE, Woodburn, OR 97071 can take them and recycle them for free! They are open 7 days a week from 8 am to 5 pm. Other options if the chair is still working would be to donate it to your local charity or sell for scrap metal. Got questions on specific things in your house? Send me a message! Contact Lauren to participate in Recycle Donald 2020. [laurenoster@gmail.com](mailto:laurenoster@gmail.com) or 503-453-9228



**Do you like taking pictures? Email them to [manager@donaldoregon.gov](mailto:manager@donaldoregon.gov) and they will appear in the newsletter with your name!**

## What is Middle Housing?

**By City Planner Holly Byram**



In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 2001 intending to increase housing choice and supply. The Bill requires cities to allow a greater variety of housing types referred to as "Middle Housing" such as duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes in areas previously zoned for only single-family residential development. The requirements only apply to cities over 10,000 population, with additional rules for cities over 25,000. Donald's official 2020 population forecast is 1,011 people, so these requirements do not apply to Donald. But what does Donald allow? Donald has two different residential zones. The R7 – Single Family Residential Zone allows single-family homes and duplexes. The RM – Multi-Family Residential Zone allows housing types with two or more dwelling units (duplexes, triplexes, apartments), as well as attached single-family homes (townhomes). Both zones allow residential facilities and daycares, and some conditional uses. For more information, see the City's zone map and development code online: [www.donaldoregon.gov/planning](http://www.donaldoregon.gov/planning).

## Recap of August 11th Council Meeting

The Council held their meeting in a hybrid format with some attending physically at City Hall and some using the phone/video system. The Council approved a resolution accepting \$50K of CARES Act money to help the City pay for PPE supplies and materials to handle the virus. They'll also contemplate other ways to use this money including setting up a program to help locals who have financially been setback from the virus. There will be more to come on this program. They have approved a business license for Meltar Supply located at 10751 Oak Street #2, this is for a contractor's supply business. They also approved the OLCC license for the Center Market. They also held discussions on the following topics: 1) past due water/sewer accounts, 2) assigned duties for City-Wide Clean Up Day, 3) reviewed the Council's rules on social media posts, 4) reviewed the RV parking regulations, 5) discussion on the topic of diversity, equity and inclusion training, 6) report on the Donald Beautification Group's work and 7) heard from the work happening in the Councilor's individual Focus Groups. There is a chance that the September Council Meeting may be postponed. You can always check meeting agendas on the community boards or the City's website for the location and topics.

## Fire Board Announcement



Congratulations to local resident Daroll Nicholson! Former Donald Mayor Daroll Nicholson was voted as President of the Aurora Fire District Board of Directors at the Board's July 2020 Meeting. The term is one year. "Daroll has so much positivity and is a great advocate for our District. He always offers his help and support to our staff and volunteers," said Emily Murphy the Fire District's Administrative Assistant. The Board holds monthly meeting virtually on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The Board's agenda (and how you can be a volunteer) can be found on the Fire District's website at [www.aurorafire.org](http://www.aurorafire.org).



Board President Daroll Nicholson

## Public Works Report: Backflow Devices

**By: PW Director Alonso Limones**

The City of Donald protects your water system with backflow preventers. What is a backflow prevention assembly? It is a device installed underground, by the water meter to prevent water from reentering the public water system ("backflowing").

In water supply systems, water is normally maintained at a significant pressure to enable water to flow out from the tap, shower, or another fixture. Water pressure may fail or be reduced when a water main bursts, pipes freeze, or there is unexpectedly high demand on the water system (for example, when several fire hydrants are opened). When there is reduced pressure in the pipe, it may allow for water from the soil, or from other sources to be drawn up into the system, thereby contaminating the clean water system.

In Donald, to protect the water system against possible contamination, a backflow prevention assembly is required to be installed at all business and residential customer's connections. This helps to eliminate a potential hazard to the City's water system. The backflows are tested by a third-party that is hired by the City once a year, as per State law.

The testing of these assemblies is provided by Backflow Management Inc and they are out testing backflows now throughout the City. The BMI technician wears a bright safety vest and they will knock on your door to let you know that they are doing their test. During the testing process your water service will be interrupted for 10 to 15 minutes. Public Works receives all the results and provides any repairs or replacements, if needed. The cost associated with testing and maintenance are included in your monthly water bill.



## Municipal Court

The City will start citing people into municipal court for code violations and traffic violations in October 2020. If you previously have received a warning about a code enforcement issue you may receive a citation and you will need to appear before Judge Lori Coukoulis in October or a coming month. This is the first time in many years that Donald has had a court system.